I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Excise

Supersession of the claims of seniors in the Excise department in Nellore.

* 523 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. DHARMALINGAM PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of junior service men and probationers placed over their seniors in the Excise department in the Nellore subdivision for the past three years;

(*b*) whether complaints regarding such irregular promotions have been brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner of Excise or of the Government; and

(*c*) if so, what action has been taken in this matter?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information.

(*b*) & (*c*) No such complaints have been brought to the notice of the Government. The Government have no information whether any such complaints have been brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner of Excise.

Rao Sahib V. DHARMALINGAM PILLAI:—"May I ask whether the Hon. Minister will please call for the information?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"No complaints have been received and there is no reason to think that there is any irregularity."

Public Health

Employment of women vaccinators.

* 524 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any proposals for employing women vaccinators for conducting vaccination for women since re-vaccination has been made compulsory now; and

(*b*) if so, what they are and at what stage they are now?

A.—The Government have impressed upon local boards and municipal councils the need for employing women vaccinators at an early date in order to encourage and facilitate vaccination and re-vaccination work in communities and castes in which women are very conservative or observe purdah. Since the Government took powers to fix the scales of pay, allowances and strength of the establishments under district boards and municipal councils, they have sanctioned the employment of women vaccinators whenever proposals for the same were submitted to them provided that the local bodies concerned were financially in a position to meet the cost involved.

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Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I ask, Sir, whether the Hon. Minister has made enquiries and verified as to whether the instructions have been followed and lady vaccinators appointed?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" As the answer says, in some cases sanction of the Government to employ women vaccinators was applied for and the same was given."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" Sir, the answer says: 'provided that the local bodies concerned were financially in a position to meet the cost involved.' May I know how additional cost would be involved by appointing a certain number of women vaccinators in the place of the men vaccinators?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I think some additional vaccinators will be required. That is the reason for the additional expenditure."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" In order to see if the instructions of Government are followed, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to get information regarding the number of women vaccinators employed in each of the local authorities and take steps to push through this scheme?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I do not think it is necessary. If we wait for some time, we can see how the local bodies themselves act."

Co-operation

Functions of the Registrar and the Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies respectively.

* 525 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the functions of the Registrar and the Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies respectively?

A.—The Registrar controls the whole department. The Joint Registrar assists the Registrar in all or any of his functions and, at present, is in charge of liquidation, arbitration, execution and non-credit societies. There is no definite division of functions.

Publication of the balance sheets of Co-operative Societies in the Gazette.

* 526 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in the earlier stages of the co-operative movement the balance sheets of societies were being published in the Gazette;

(*b*) whether this practice has been discontinued, and if so, for what reasons; and